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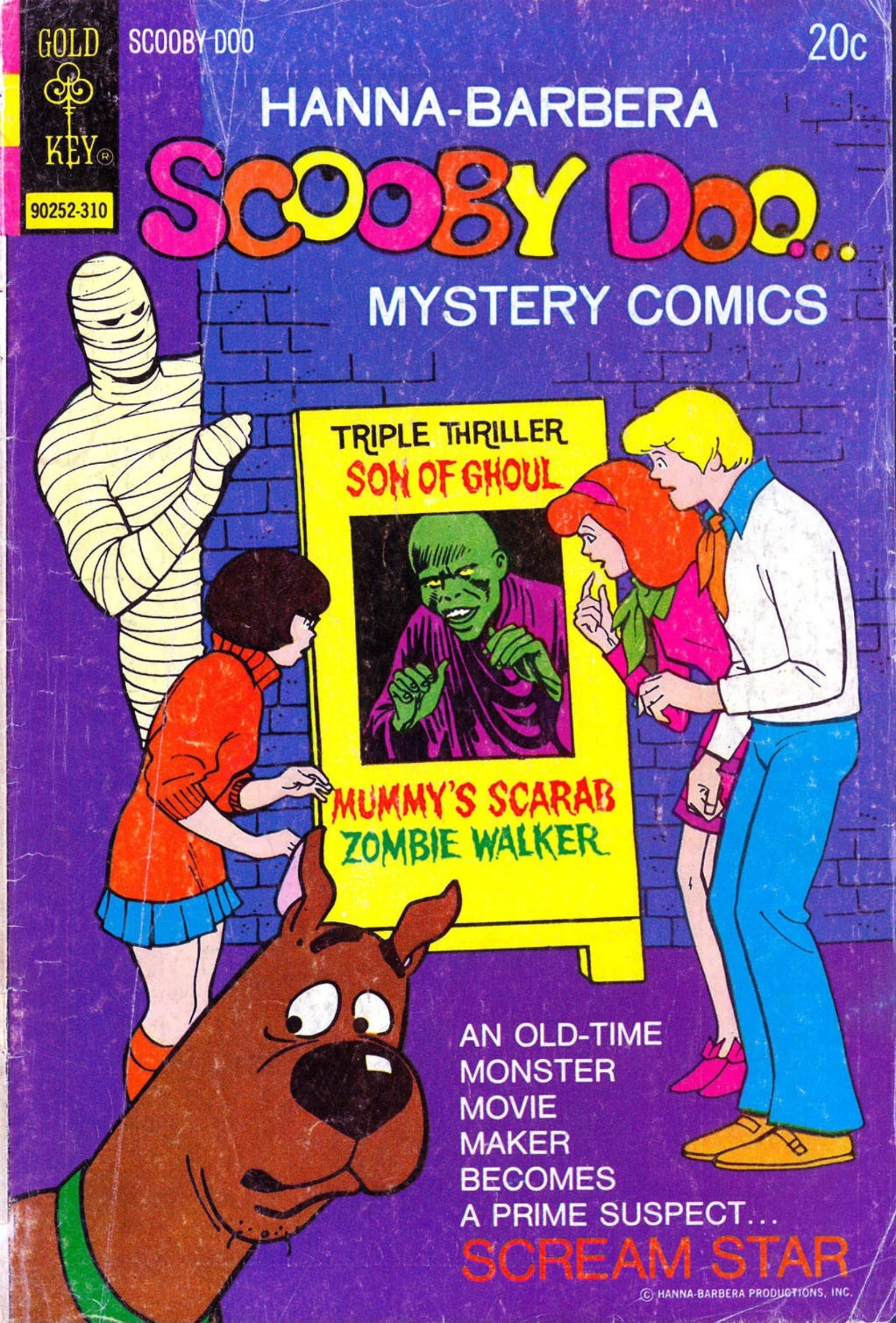

AN OLD-TIME MONSTER MOVIE MAKER BECOMES A PRIME SUSPECT...

SCREAM STAR

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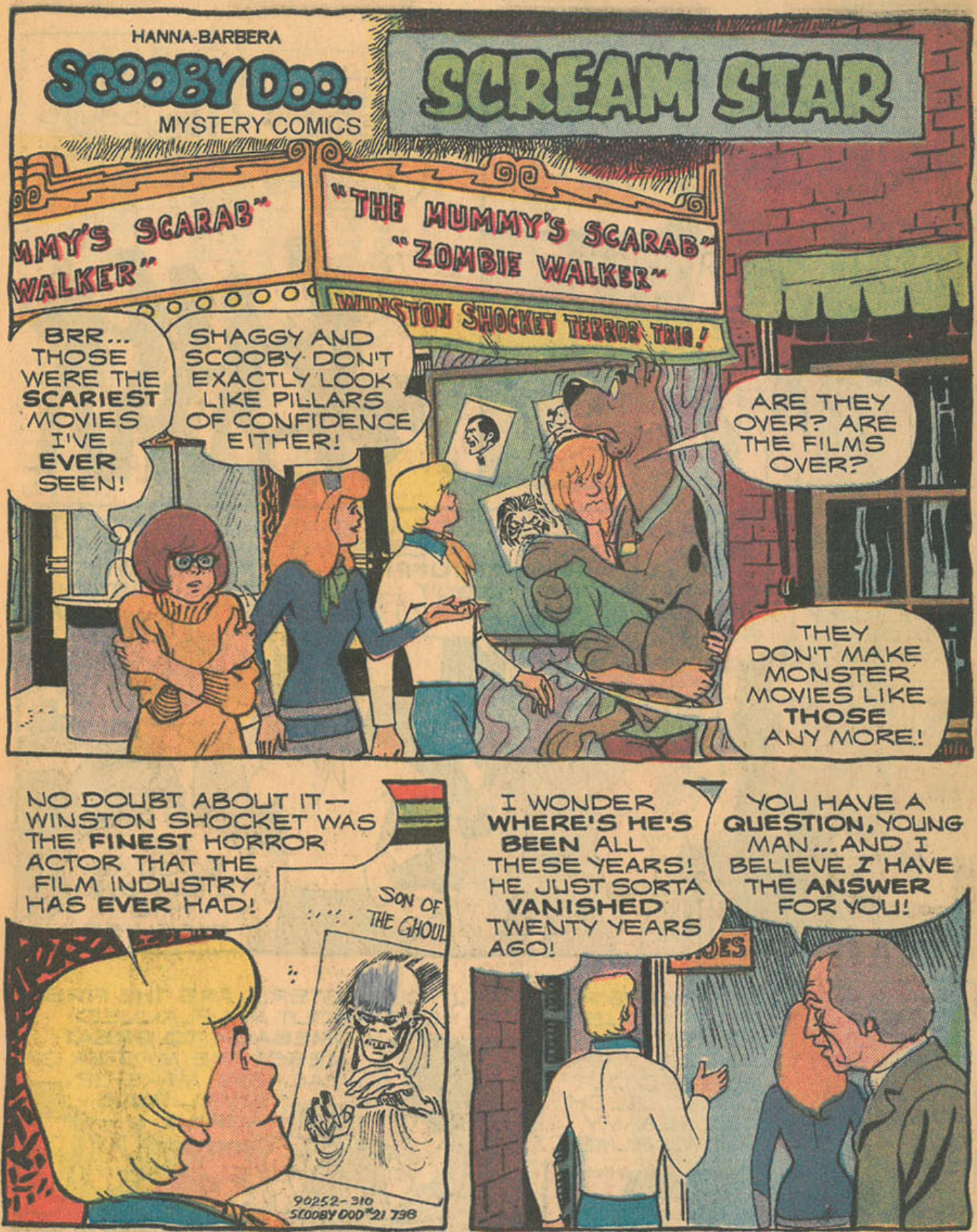
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MMY'S SCARAB"
WALKER"
"THE MUMMY'S SCARAB"
"ZOMBIE WALKER"
WINSTON SHOCKET TERROR TRIO!
BRR... THOSE WERE THE SCARIEST MOVIES I'VE EVER SEEN!
SHAGGY AND SCOOBY DON'T EXACTLY LOOK LIKE PILLARS OF CONFIDENCE EITHER!
ARE THEY OVER? ARE THE FILMS OVER?
THEY DON'T MAKE MONSTER MOVIES LIKE THOSE ANY MORE!

NO DOUBT ABOUT IT— WINSTON SHOCKET WAS THE FINEST HORROR ACTOR THAT THE FILM INDUSTRY HAS EVER HAD!
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I WONDER WHERE'S HE'S BEEN ALL THESE YEARS! HE JUST SORTA VANISHED TWENTY YEARS AGO!
YOU HAVE A QUESTION, YOUNG MAN...AND I BELIEVE I HAVE THE ANSWER FOR YOU!

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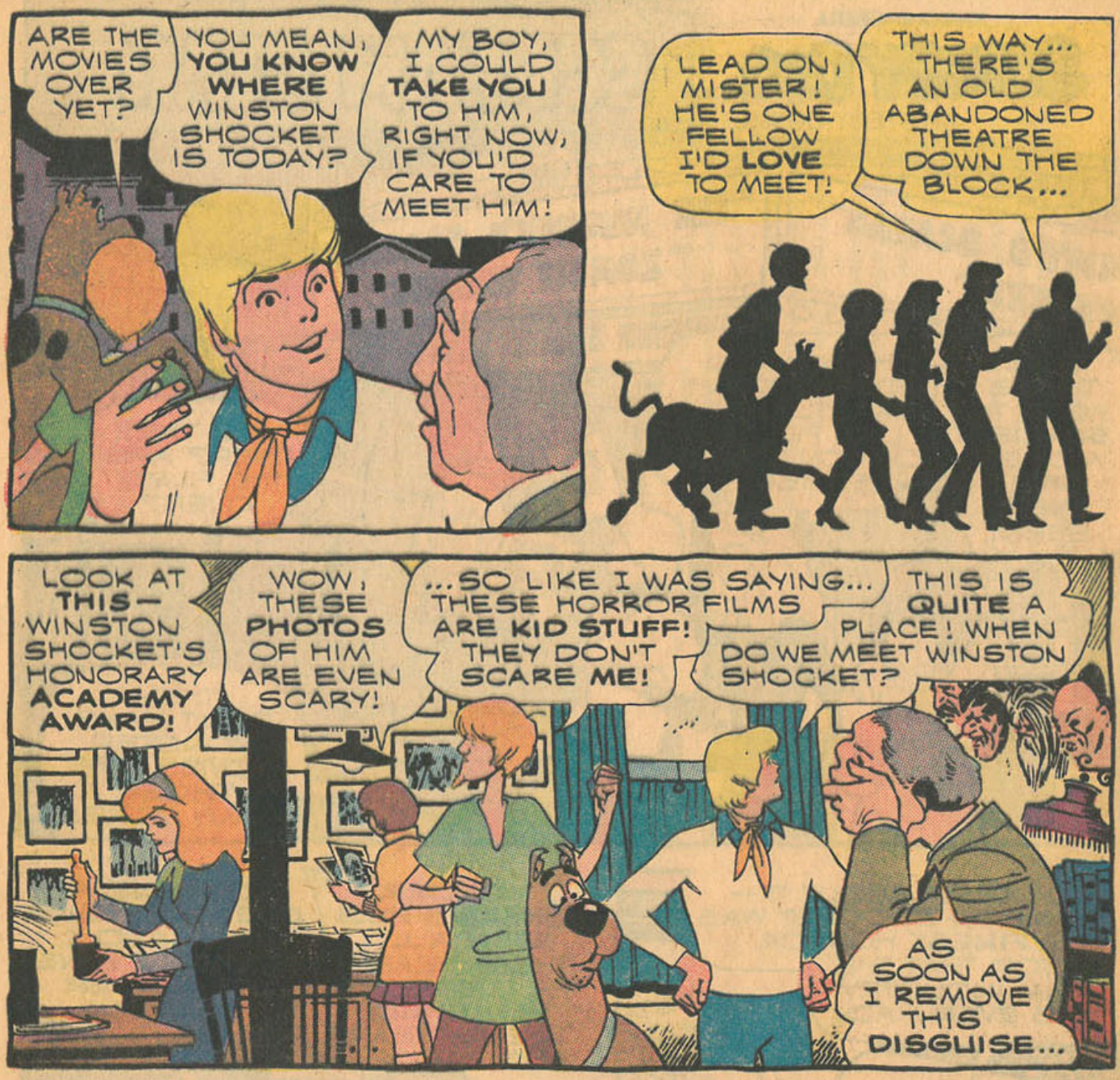
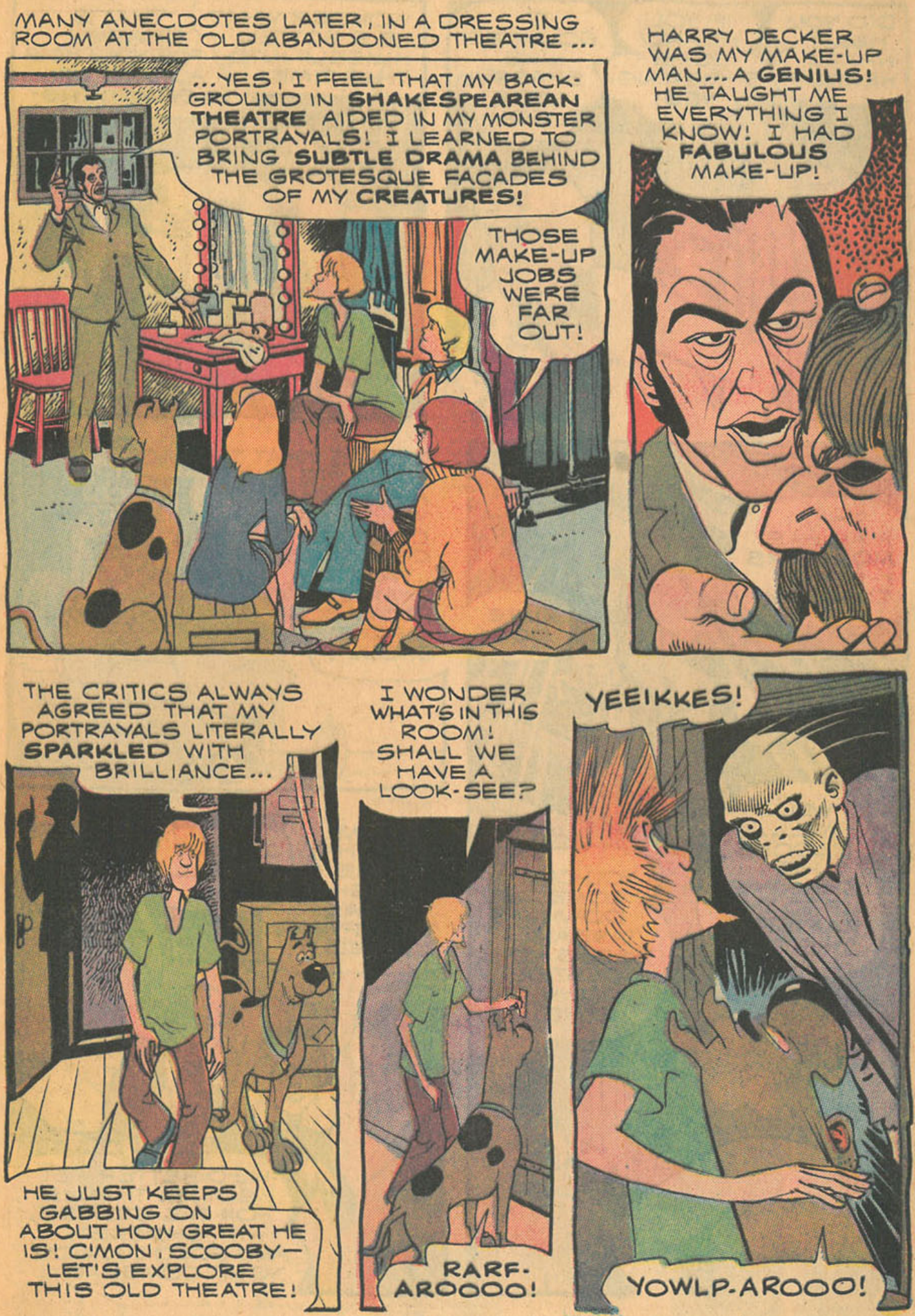
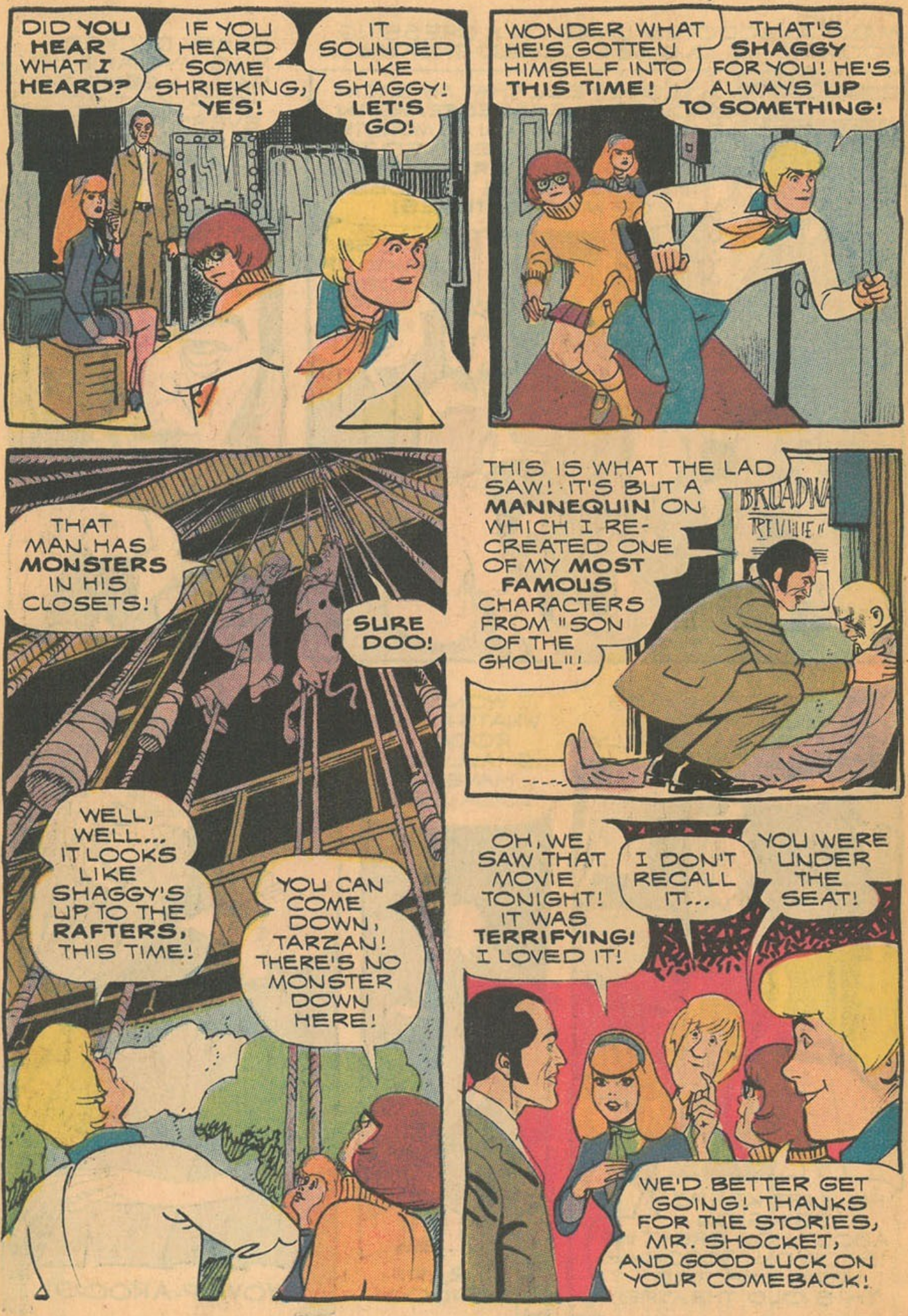
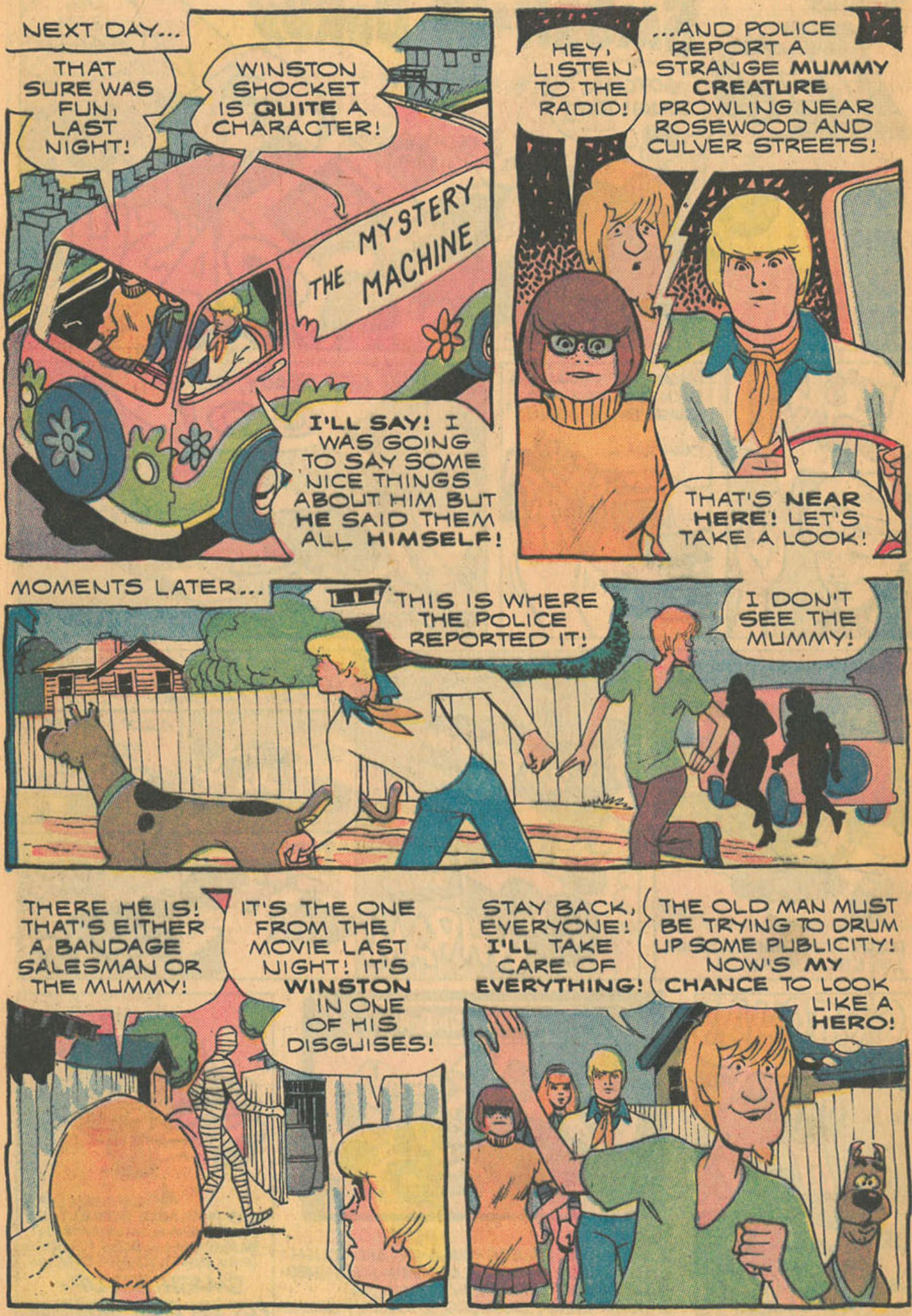
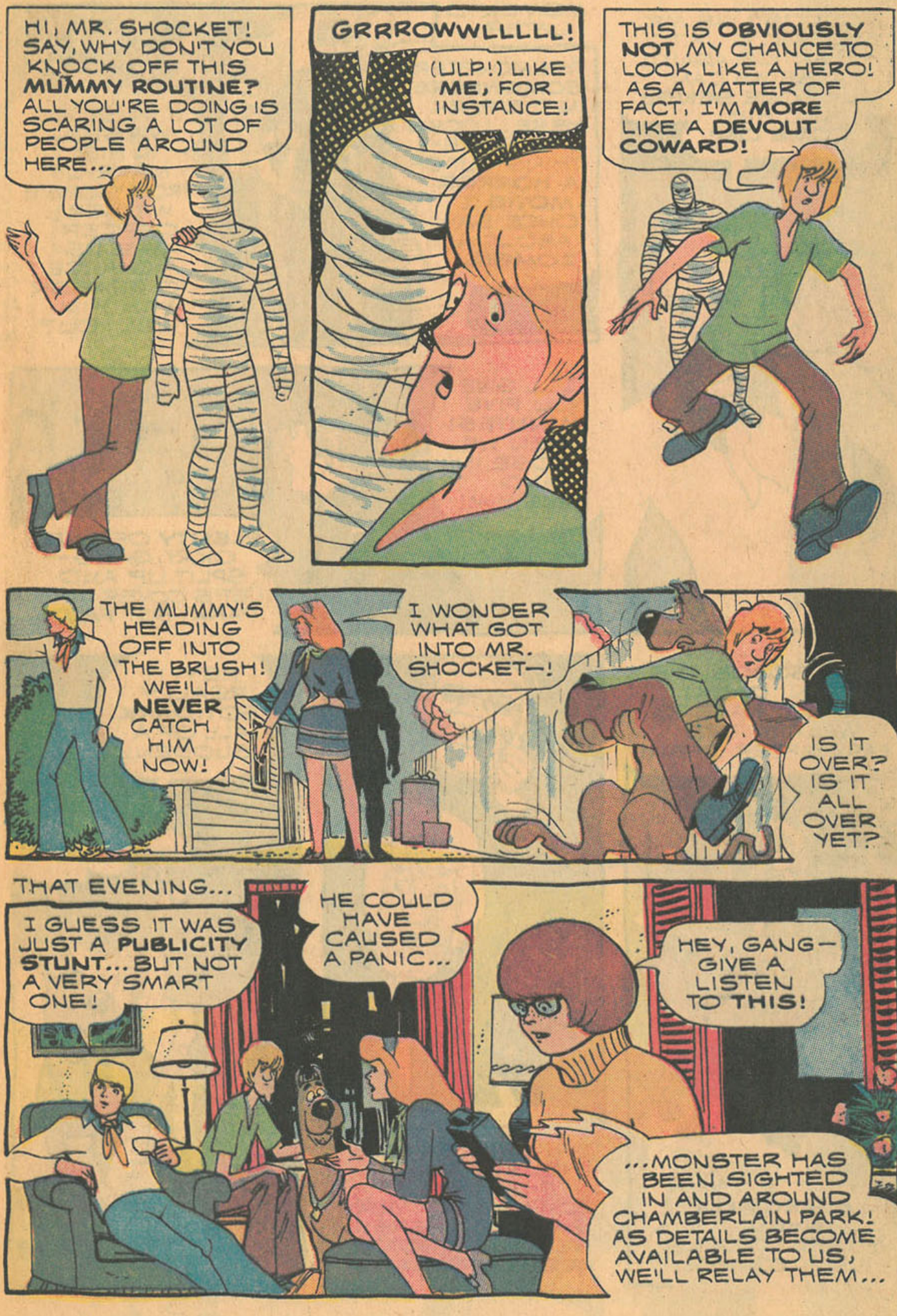

ARE THE MOVIES OVER YET?
YOU MEAN, YOU KNOW WHERE WINSTON SHOCKET IS TODAY?
MY BOY, I COULD TAKE YOU TO HIM, RIGHT NOW, IF YOU'D CARE TO MEET HIM!
LEAD ON, MISTER! HE'S ONE FELLOW I'D LOVE TO MEET!
THIS WAY... THERE'S AN OLD ABANDONED THEATRE DOWN THE BLOCK...
LOOK AT THIS— WINSTON SHOCKET'S HONORARY ACADEMY AWARD!
WOW, THESE PHOTOS OF HIM ARE EVEN SCARY!
...SO LIKE I WAS SAYING... THESE HORROR FILMS ARE KID STUFF! THEY DON'T SCARE ME!
THIS IS QUITE A PLACE! WHEN DO WE MEET WINSTON SHOCKET?
AS SOON AS I REMOVE THIS DISGUISE...
IT'S WINSTON SHOCKET!
IN PERSON, SIR! I USE VARIOUS DISGUISES TO MINGLE WHEN I MUST GO OUT IN PUBLIC... SUCH AS TO SEE MY OWN FILMS!
YOU YOUNGSTERS ARE THE FIRST TO HEAR ABOUT MY PLANNED COMEBACK TO GREATNESS! THE MASTER OF MACABRE MAKE-UP SHALL RULE AGAIN!


MANY ANECDOTES LATER, IN A DRESSING ROOM AT THE OLD ABANDONED THEATRE ...
...YES, I FEEL THAT MY BACKGROUND IN SHAKESPEAREAN THEATRE AIDED IN MY MONSTER PORTRAYALS! I LEARNED TO BRING SUBTLE DRAMA BEHIND THE GROTESQUE FACADES OF MY CREATURES!
THOSE MAKE-UP JOBS WERE FAR OUT!
HARRY DECKER WAS MY MAKE-UP MAN... A GENIUS! HE TAUGHT ME EVERYTHING I KNOW! I HAD FABULOUS MAKE-UP!
THE CRITICS ALWAYS AGREED THAT MY PORTRAYALS LITERALLY SPARKLED WITH BRILLIANCE...
HE JUST KEEPS GABBING ON ABOUT HOW GREAT HE IS! C'MON, SCOOBY— LET'S EXPLORE THIS OLD THEATRE!
I WONDER WHAT'S IN THIS ROOM! SHALL WE HAVE A LOOK-SEE?
RARF-AROOOO!
YEEIKKES!
YOWLP-AROOO!

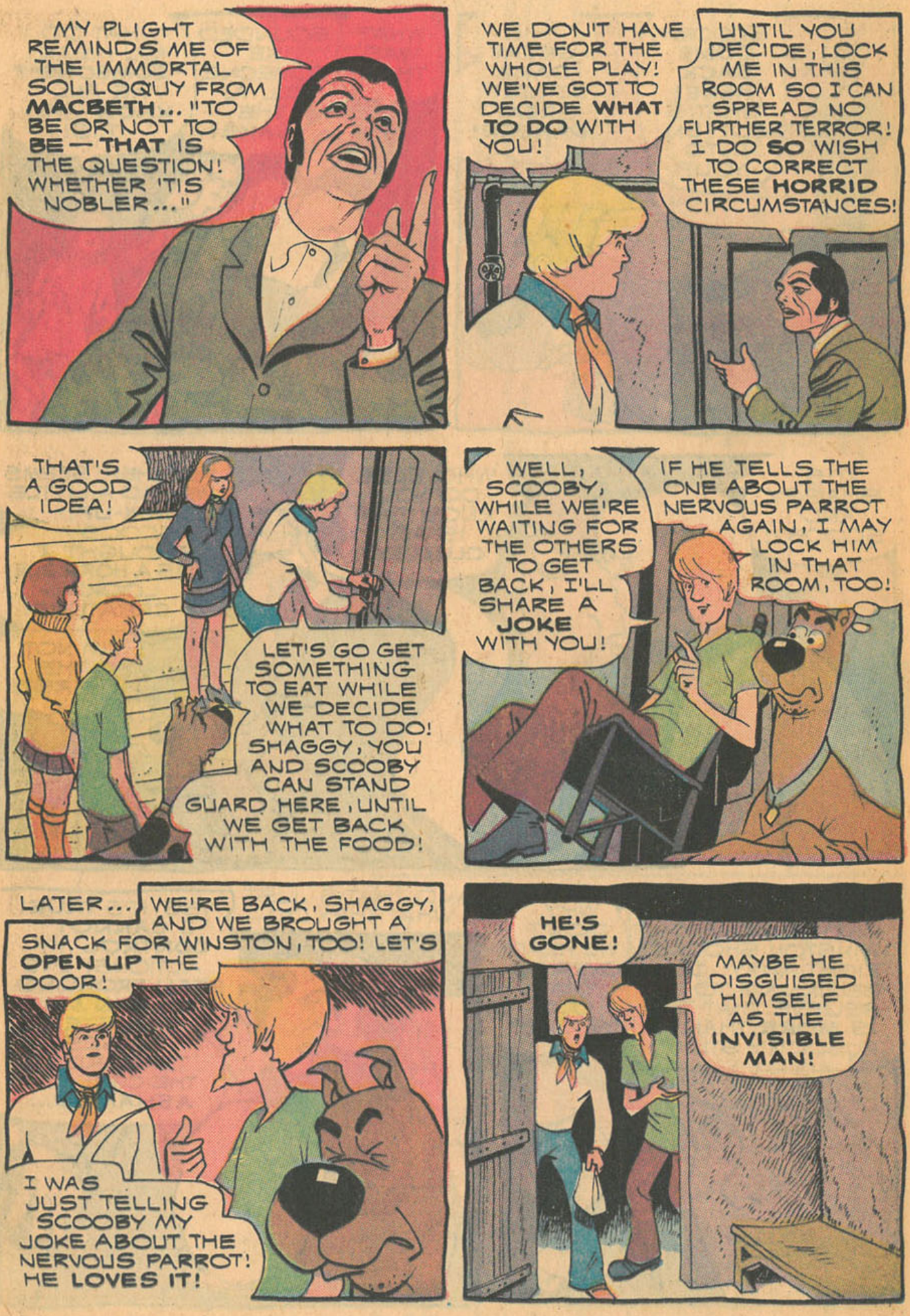

DID YOU HEAR WHAT I HEARD?
IF YOU HEARD SOME SHRIEKING, YES!
IT SOUNDED LIKE SHAGGY! LET'S GO!
WONDER WHAT HE'S GOTTEN HIMSELF INTO THIS TIME!
THAT'S SHAGGY FOR YOU! HE'S ALWAYS UP TO SOMETHING!
THAT MAN HAS MONSTERS IN HIS CLOSETS!
SURE DOO!
WELL, WELL... IT LOOKS LIKE SHAGGY'S UP TO THE RAFTERS, THIS TIME!
YOU CAN COME DOWN, TARZAN! THERE'S NO MONSTER DOWN HERE!
THIS IS WHAT THE LAD SAW! IT'S BUT A MANNEQUIN ON WHICH I RE-CREATED ONE OF MY MOST FAMOUS CHARACTERS FROM "SON OF THE GHOUL"!
OH, WE SAW THAT MOVIE TONIGHT! IT WAS TERRIFYING! I LOVED IT!
I DON'T RECALL IT...
YOU WERE UNDER THE SEAT!
WE'D BETTER GET GOING! THANKS FOR THE STORIES, MR. SHOCKET, AND GOOD LUCK ON YOUR COMEBACK!


NEXT DAY...
THAT SURE WAS FUN, LAST NIGHT!
WINSTON SHOCKET IS QUITE A CHARACTER!
THE MYSTERY MACHINE
I'LL SAY! I WAS GOING TO SAY SOME NICE THINGS ABOUT HIM BUT HE SAID THEM ALL HIMSELF!
HEY, LISTEN TO THE RADIO!
...AND POLICE REPORT A STRANGE MUMMY CREATURE PROWLING NEAR ROSEWOOD AND CULVER STREETS!
THAT'S NEAR HERE! LET'S TAKE A LOOK!
MOMENTS LATER...
THIS IS WHERE THE POLICE REPORTED IT!
I DON'T SEE THE MUMMY!
THERE HE IS! THAT'S EITHER A BANDAGE SALESMAN OR THE MUMMY!
IT'S THE ONE FROM THE MOVIE LAST NIGHT! IT'S WINSTON IN ONE OF HIS DISGUISES!
STAY BACK, EVERYONE! I'LL TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING!
THE OLD MAN MUST BE TRYING TO DRUM UP SOME PUBLICITY! NOW'S MY CHANCE TO LOOK LIKE A HERO!


HI, MR. SHOCKET! SAY, WHY DON'T YOU KNOCK OFF THIS **MUMMY ROUTINE?** ALL YOU'RE DOING IS SCARING A LOT OF PEOPLE AROUND HERE...
GRRROWWLLLLL!
(ULP!) LIKE **ME,** FOR INSTANCE!
THIS IS **OBVIOUSLY NOT** MY CHANCE TO LOOK LIKE A HERO! AS A MATTER OF FACT, I'M **MORE** LIKE A **DEVOUT COWARD!**
THE MUMMY'S HEADING OFF INTO THE BRUSH! WE'LL **NEVER** CATCH HIM NOW!
I WONDER WHAT GOT INTO MR. SHOCKET—!
IS IT OVER? IS IT ALL OVER YET?
THAT EVENING...
I GUESS IT WAS JUST A **PUBLICITY STUNT**... BUT NOT A VERY SMART ONE!
HE COULD HAVE CAUSED A PANIC...
HEY, GANG— GIVE A LISTEN TO **THIS!**
...MONSTER HAS BEEN SIGHTED IN AND AROUND CHAMBERLAIN PARK! AS DETAILS BECOME AVAILABLE TO US, WE'LL RELAY THEM...

SOUNDS LIKE MR. SHOCKET'S UP TO HIS ANTICS AGAIN! MAYBE WE CAN TALK SOME SENSE INTO HIM! COME ON!
MOMENTS LATER...
THE MONSTER'S SOMEWHERE IN THE PARK HERE! LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING OUT OF A HORROR MOVIE I ONCE SAW ABOUT A ZOMBIE!
IT MUST BE WINSTON IN HIS MAKE-UP FROM "ZOMBIE WALKER"! OFFICER, GIVE US A CHANCE TO REASON WITH HIM, WILL YOU?
I'LL GIVE YOU FIVE MINUTES! THEN WE CLOSE IN AND TAKE HIM!
PLENTY OF TIME! OKAY, GANG— SPLIT UP AND LET'S COVER THIS PARK, BUT FAST!
GEE, SCOOB, IT'S GETTIN' DARK! IT'S NOT SAFE TO WALK IN THIS PARK AFTER DARK!
...ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A ZOMBIE!
Y'KNOW, SCOOBY, I'VE GOT A SNEAKY SUSPICION THAT OUR ZOMBIE'S NOT VERY FAR FROM HERE! WE'VE JUST GOT TO KEEP OUR HEADS!
HEY, IT REALLY GOT DARK ALL OF A SUDDEN!
YIKES!

SCOOBY, COME BACK HERE! WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU?
THIS GREAT DANE SENSES GREAT DANGER!
WHAT WAS THAT?
SOUNDED LIKE SOMEONE FELL IN THE LAKE!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "SOMEONE"? WE ALL KNOW WHO IT IS!
SPLASHH!
IT'S SHAGGY AND SCOOBY!
WHO ELSE DO YOU KNOW THAT IS AS CLUMSY?
HEH! HEH! SEEMS WE HAD A LITTLE MIX-UP! SCOOBY THOUGHT I WAS A HORRIBLE-LOOKING CREATURE!
I'M NOT THE FIRST!
I THINK WE'D BETTER CONFRONT WINSTON SHOCKET RIGHT AWAY! I'M BEGINNING TO BELIEVE THAT THIS IS MORE THAN A PUBLICITY STUNT!
WHY DON'T WE HEAD OVER TO THAT OLD THEATRE?
AND THAT'S JUST WHAT THEY DO...
YES, IT'S TRUE! I CANNOT CONTROL MY ACTIONS! I'VE BEEN PROWLING ABOUT IN MY MONSTER GUISES, TERRORIZING THE CITY! I AM ASHAMED...


MY PLIGHT REMINDS ME OF THE IMMORTAL SOLILOQUY FROM MACBETH... "TO BE OR NOT TO BE — THAT IS THE QUESTION! WHETHER 'TIS NOBLER..."
WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THE WHOLE PLAY! WE'VE GOT TO DECIDE WHAT TO DO WITH YOU!
UNTIL YOU DECIDE, LOCK ME IN THIS ROOM SO I CAN SPREAD NO FURTHER TERROR! I DO SO WISH TO CORRECT THESE HORRID CIRCUMSTANCES!
THAT'S A GOOD IDEA!
LET'S GO GET SOMETHING TO EAT WHILE WE DECIDE WHAT TO DO! SHAGGY, YOU AND SCOOBY CAN STAND GUARD HERE, UNTIL WE GET BACK WITH THE FOOD!
WELL, SCOOBY, WHILE WE'RE WAITING FOR THE OTHERS TO GET BACK, I'LL SHARE A JOKE WITH YOU!
IF HE TELLS THE ONE ABOUT THE NERVOUS PARROT AGAIN, I MAY LOCK HIM IN THAT ROOM, TOO!
LATER...
WE'RE BACK, SHAGGY, AND WE BROUGHT A SNACK FOR WINSTON, TOO! LET'S OPEN UP THE DOOR!
I WAS JUST TELLING SCOOBY MY JOKE ABOUT THE NERVOUS PARROT! HE LOVES IT!
HE'S GONE!
MAYBE HE DISGUISED HIMSELF AS THE INVISIBLE MAN!

HE GOT OUT THAT WINDOW... BUT WHERE'D HE VANISH TO?
I BET I KNOW! SOMETHING ABOUT THE WHOLE CASE HASN'T MADE SENSE! LET'S HEAD OVER TO THE THEATRE SHOWING THOSE WINSTON SHOCKET FILMS!
MOMENTS LATER...
THERE HE IS, JUST AS I FIGURED!
HE'S SCARING PEOPLE IN THAT GHOUL SUIT I SAW IN THE CLOSET!
PLUMBING
ARRGGHHH! RUN, YOU HUMANS, OR YOU'LL BE SORRY!
EEEEK!
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
HERE'S WHERE I GIVE IT THE OLD FLYING TACKLE...
TERROR TRIO!
OOOFF!
THIRD DOWN! GHOUL ON THE TEN YARD LINE!
YOU ALL RIGHT, FRED?
FINE! NOW, WE WAIT UNTIL THE REPORTERS GET HERE BEFORE WE HAVE THE BIG UNMASKING!
OHHH...

TWENTY MINUTES LATER...
...SO, FRED TACKLED HIM AND WE WAITED FOR YOU REPORTERS TO SHOW UP...
ALL RIGHT, WE'VE GOT ALL THAT! SO, IT'S **WINSTON SHOCKET** WHO'S BEEN SCARING PEOPLE!
GENTLEMEN OF THE PRESS...TIME FOR THE **UNMASKING!**
IT'S WINSTON SHOCKET!
NO, **IT ISN'T!** WE'VE GOT **ONE MORE** MASK TO REMOVE...
UNDER THE WINSTON SHOCKET FACE IS **ANOTHER FACE!**
(GROAN!) I'VE BEEN FOUND OUT! MY SCHEME HAS GONE BUST!
BACK AT THE THEATRE, "SHOCKET" QUOTED THE SOLILOQUY FROM **HAMLET** AND IDENTIFIED IT AS BEING FROM **MACBETH**... A MISTAKE **NO** SHAKESPEAREAN VETERAN WOULD **EVER** MAKE!
YOU MIGHT AS WELL KNOW THE WHOLE STORY...
I WAS SHOCKET'S MAKE-UP MAN! BEFORE HE VANISHED, HE GAVE ME ALL HIS SOUVENIRS— I DON'T KNOW WHERE HE WENT! THAT WAS **TWENTY YEARS AGO...**

NOW, THEY'RE REVIVING HIS OLD FILMS AND HAILING HIM AS A GENIUS... BUT IT WAS MY MAKE-UP THAT MADE HIM GREAT! I FIGURED IF I COULD CONVINCE EVERYONE HE WAS A DANGEROUS LUNATIC...
WELL, YOU WERE WRONG! WINSTON SHOCKET WAS A GENIUS AS AN ACTOR! EVEN TRYING TO CONVINCE EVERYONE HE WAS A MADMAN COULDN'T LESSEN THAT GREATNESS!
OH, LEAVE ME ALONE!
SHORTLY...
THE COPS JUST TOOK THE MAKE-UP MAN AWAY!
FRED, DID YOU GUESS WHO HE REALLY WAS?
I HAD A HUNCH! THE "WINSTON SHOCKET" WE MET WAS PRETTY CONCEITED...
...HIS MAKE-UP MAN WAS THE ONLY PERSON HE EVER PRAISED, ASIDE FROM HIMSELF!
SAY, WE FOUND THIS MASK IN THE ALLEY! WHAT DO YOU KIDS MAKE OF IT?
THAT MASK! IT LOOKS LIKE THE REPORTER WHO WAS TALKING ABOUT HOW GREAT SHOCKET WAS!
HEY, THIS IS REALLY WILD! BUT I'VE GOT A FEELING THAT WAS THE REAL WINSTON SHOCKET... THE MAN WEARING THE REPORTER DISGUISE!
DO YOU SUPPOSE IT COULD HAVE BEEN... ??
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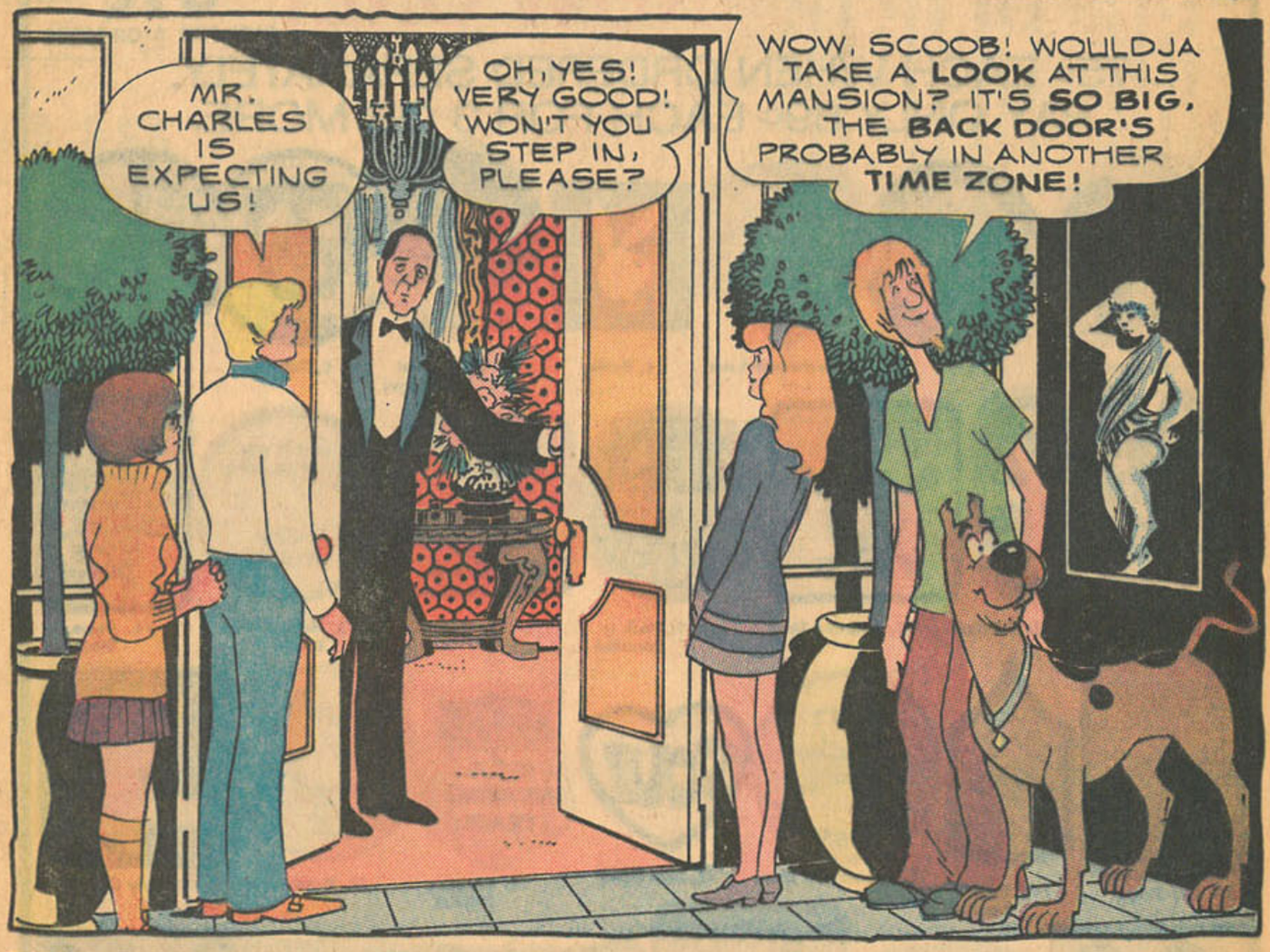
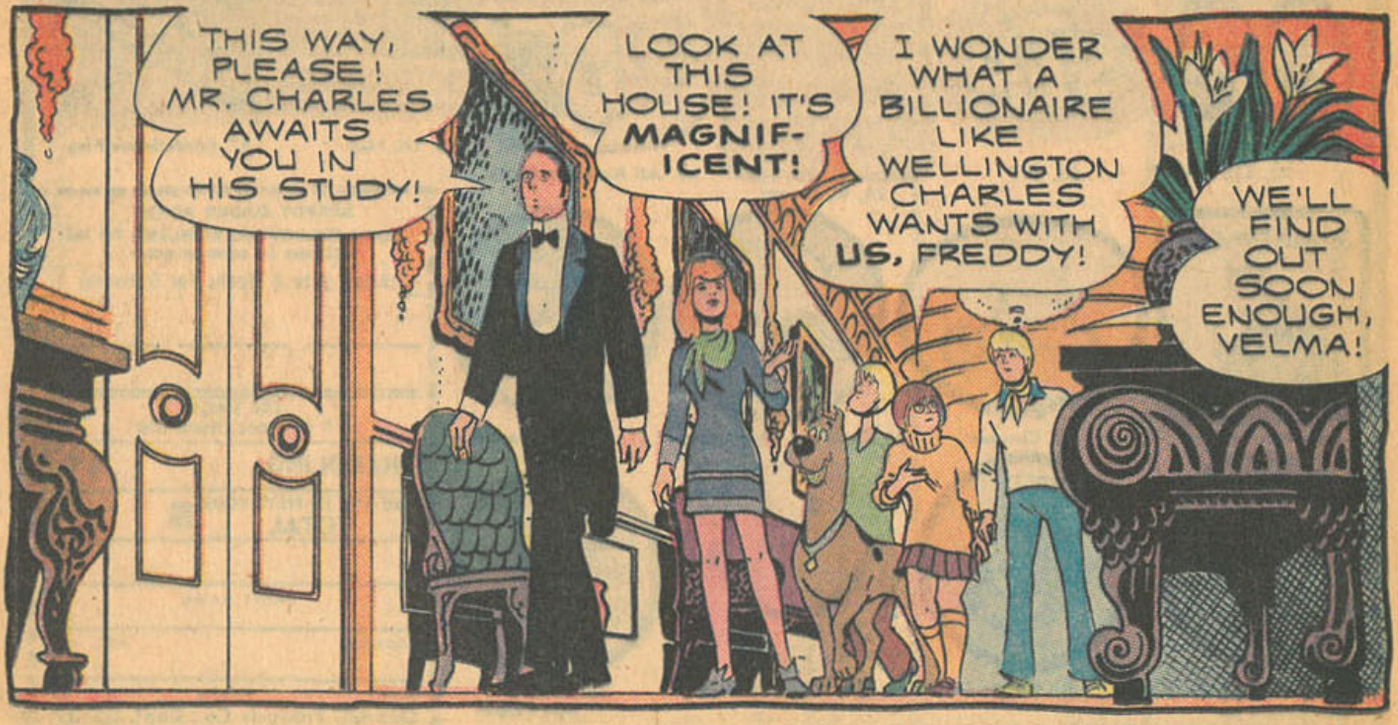
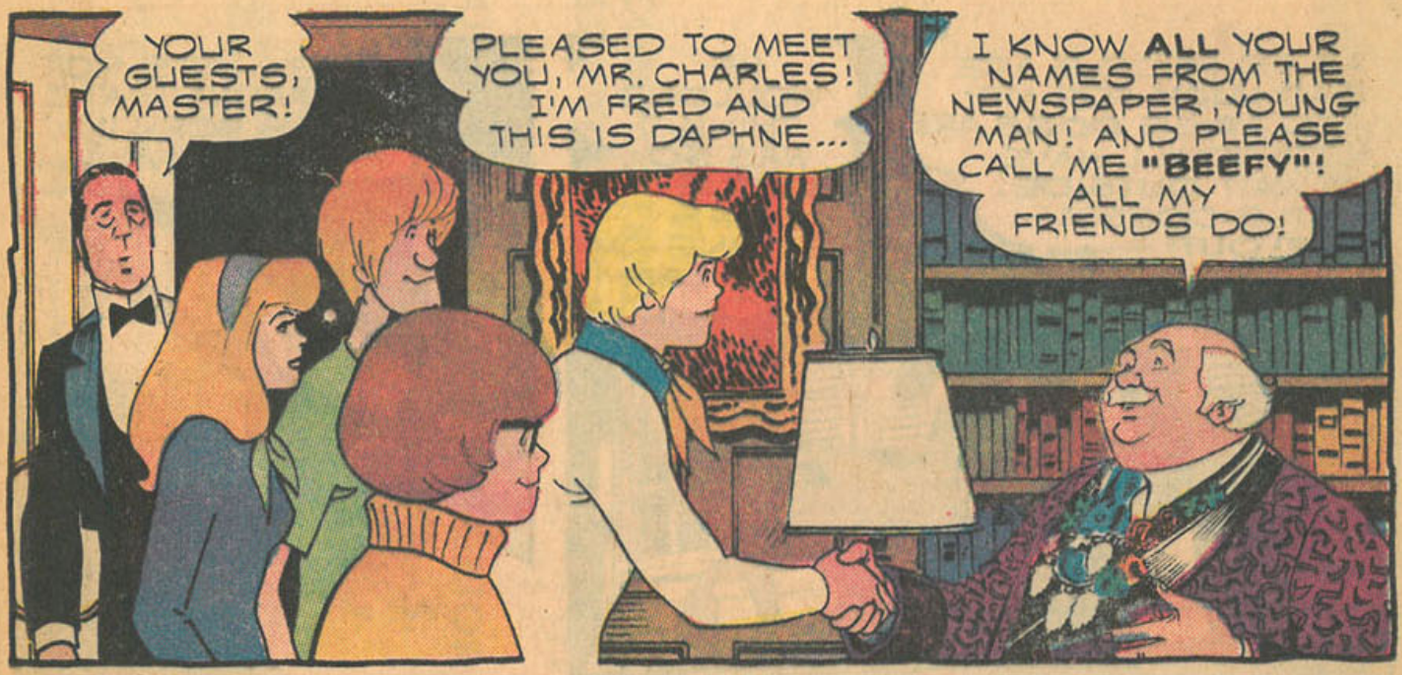
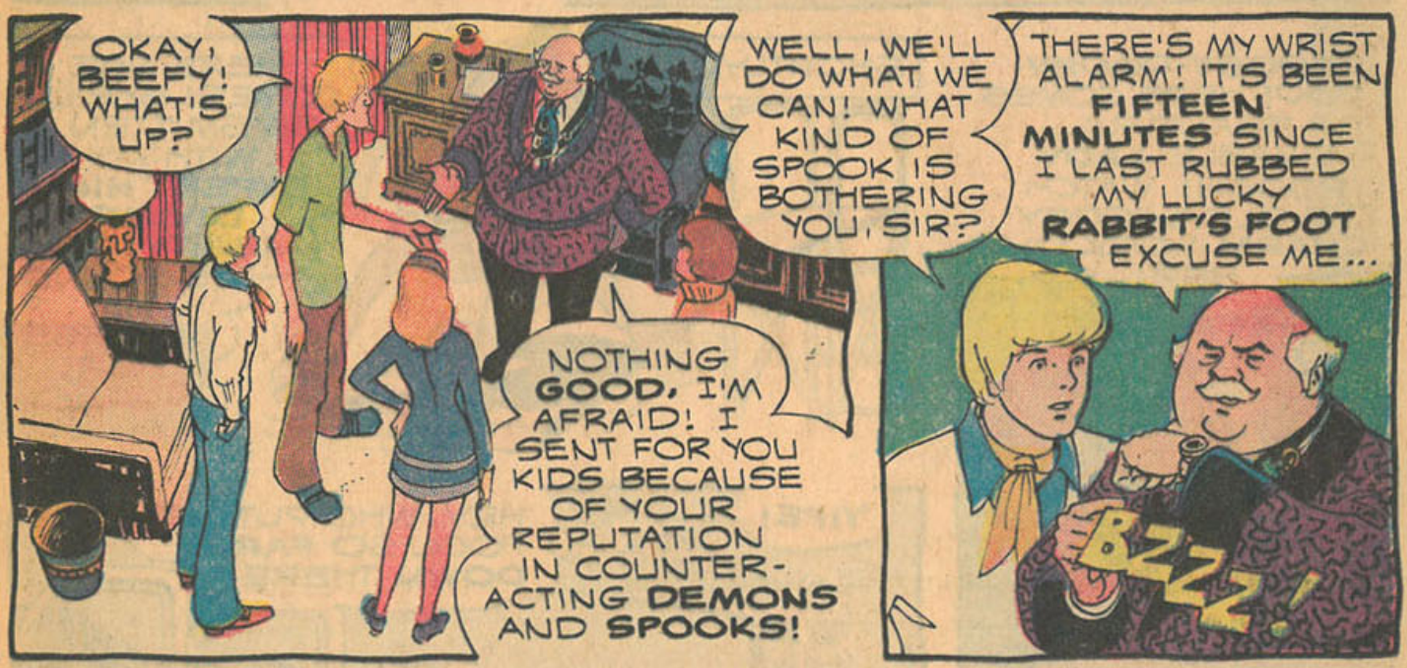
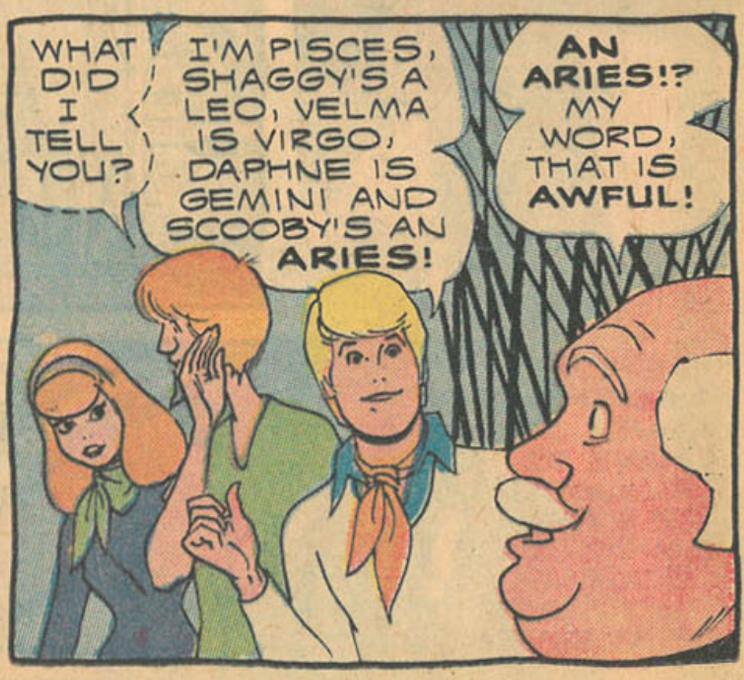

MR. CHARLES IS EXPECTING US!
OH, YES! VERY GOOD! WON'T YOU STEP IN, PLEASE?
WOW, SCOOB! WOULDJA TAKE A LOOK AT THIS MANSION? IT'S SO BIG, THE BACK DOOR'S PROBABLY IN ANOTHER TIME ZONE!

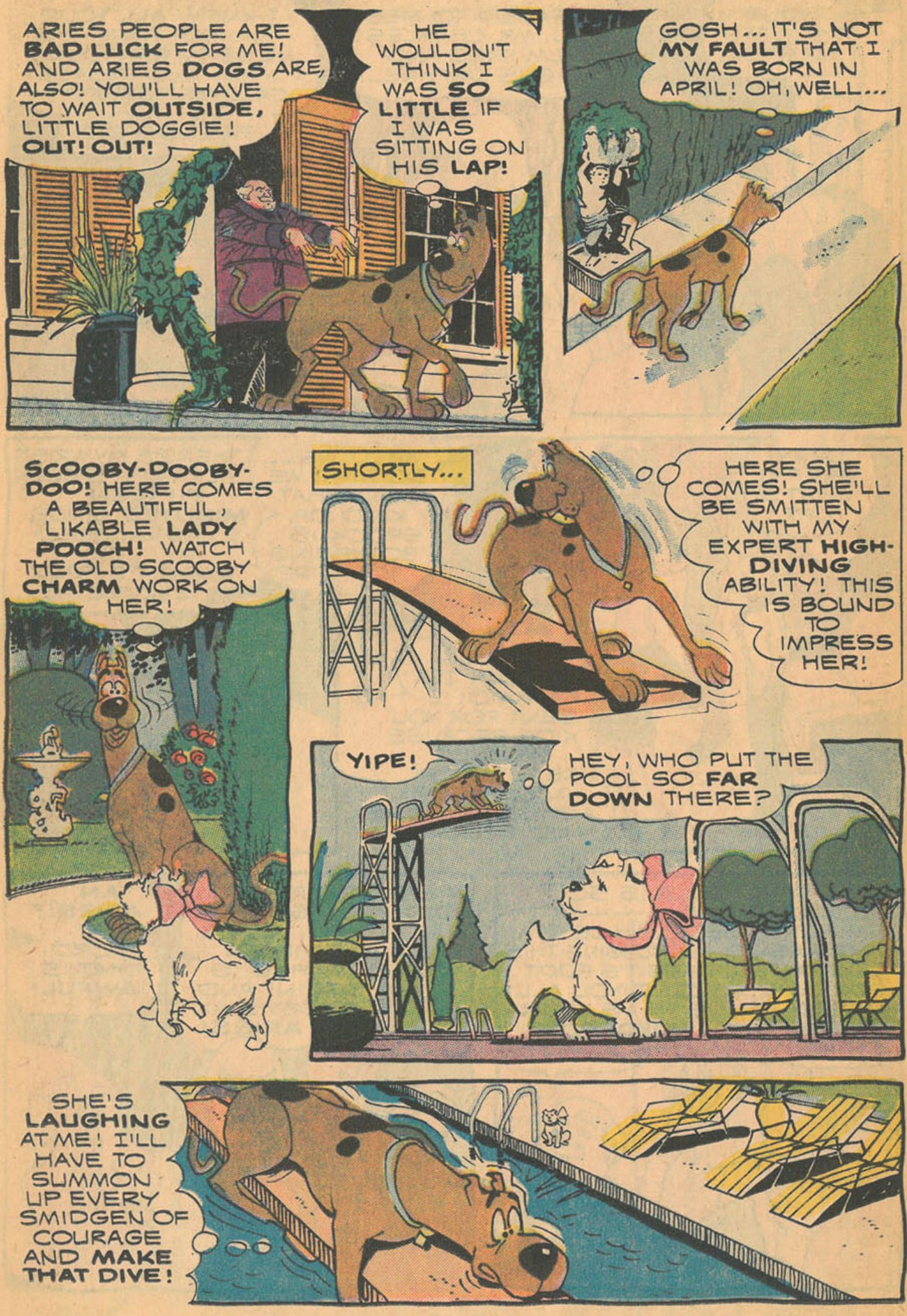

THIS WAY, PLEASE! MR. CHARLES AWAITS YOU IN HIS STUDY!
LOOK AT THIS HOUSE! IT'S MAGNIF-ICENT!
I WONDER WHAT A BILLIONAIRE LIKE WELLINGTON CHARLES WANTS WITH US, FREDDY!
WE'LL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH, VELMA!

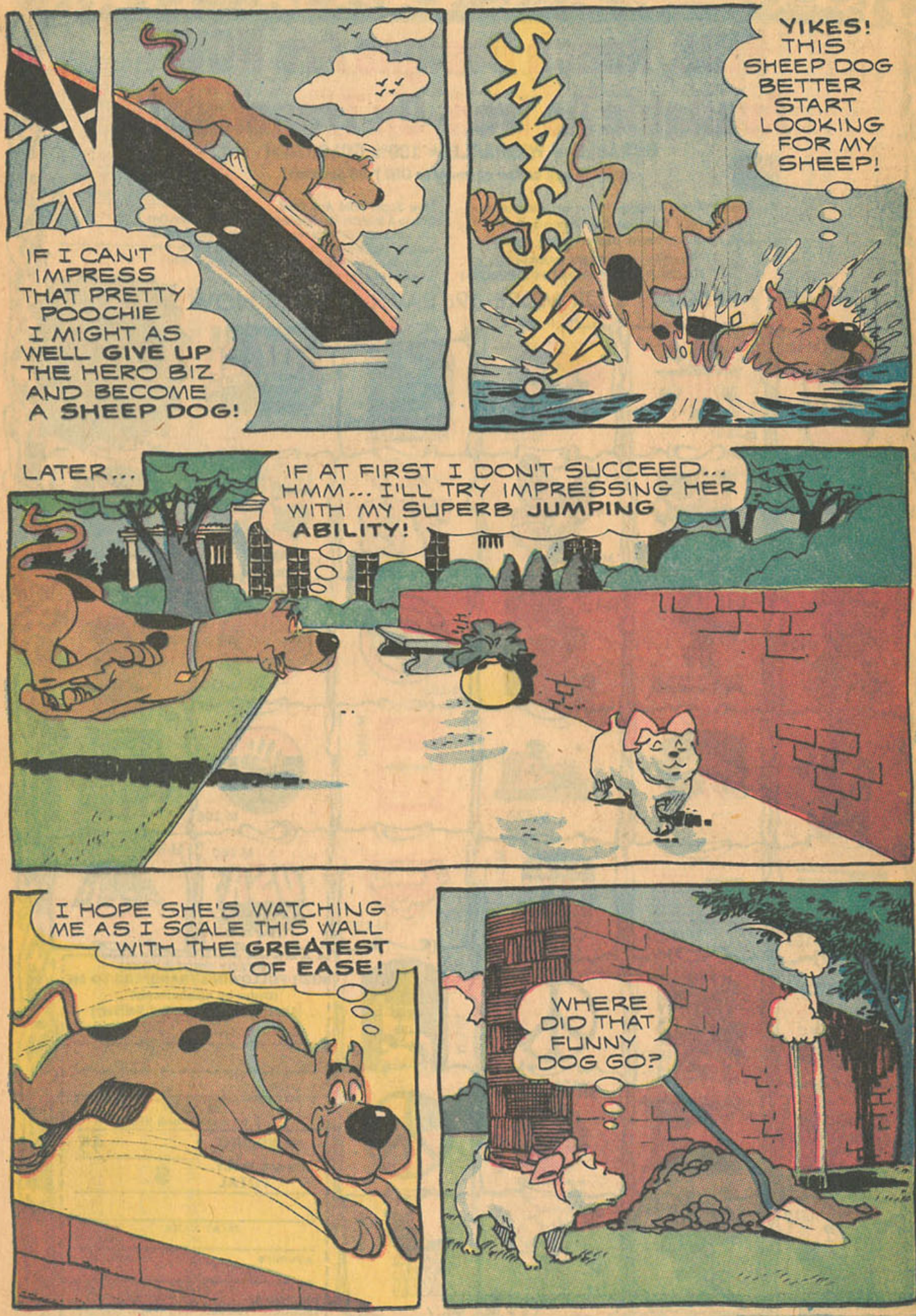

YOUR GUESTS, MASTER!
PLEASED TO MEET YOU, MR. CHARLES! I'M FRED AND THIS IS DAPHNE...
I KNOW **ALL** YOUR NAMES FROM THE NEWSPAPER, YOUNG MAN! AND PLEASE CALL ME **"BEEFY"**! ALL MY FRIENDS DO!

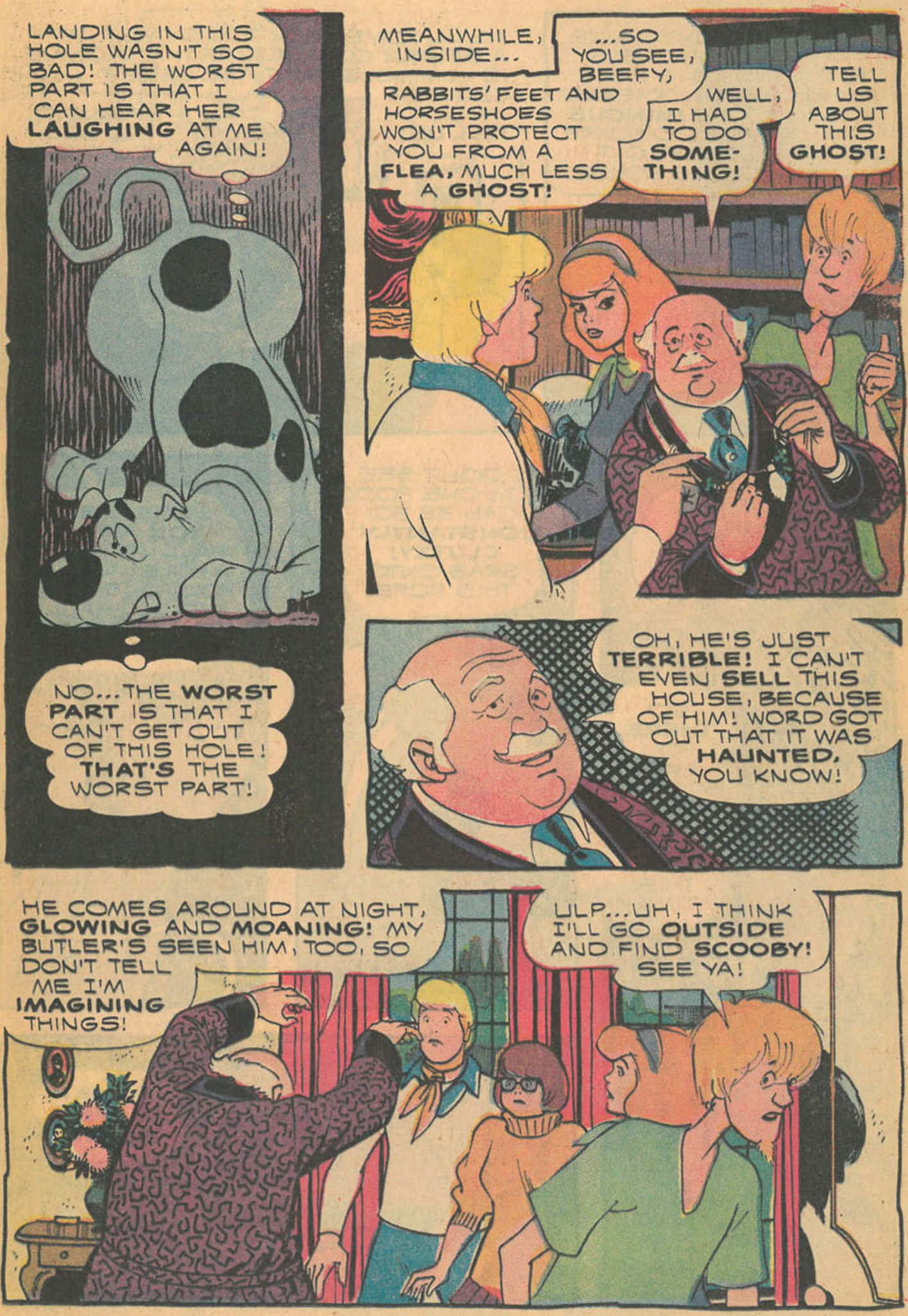

OKAY, BEEFY! WHAT'S UP?
NOTHING **GOOD**, I'M AFRAID! I SENT FOR YOU KIDS BECAUSE OF YOUR REPUTATION IN COUNTER-ACTING **DEMONS** AND **SPOOKS**!
WELL, WE'LL DO WHAT WE CAN! WHAT KIND OF SPOOK IS BOTHERING YOU, SIR?
THERE'S MY WRIST ALARM! IT'S BEEN **FIFTEEN MINUTES** SINCE I LAST RUBBED MY LUCKY **RABBIT'S FOOT** EXCUSE ME...
BZZZ!

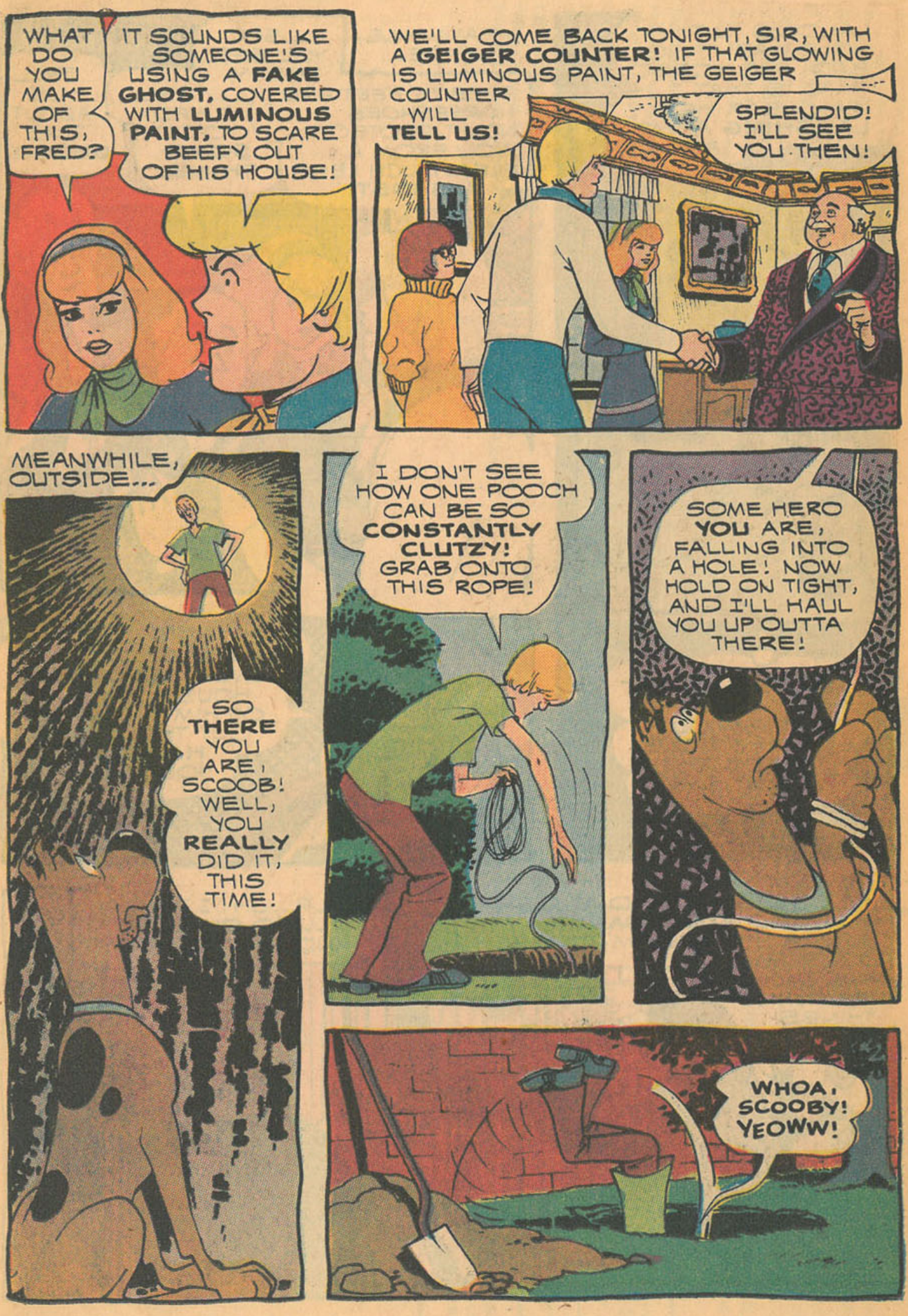
MAN, THIS FELLA IS SO SUPERSTITIOUS, I'M SURPRISED HE HASN'T ASKED US FOR OUR **HORO-SCOPE SIGNS**!
WHILE I'M RUBBING THIS RABBIT'S FOOT WOULD YOU ALL GIVE ME YOUR **HOROSCOPE SIGNS**?


WHAT DID I TELL YOU?
I'M PISCES, SHAGGY'S A LEO, VELMA IS VIRGO, DAPHNE IS GEMINI AND SCOOBY'S AN **ARIES**!
AN ARIES!? MY WORD, THAT IS **AWFUL**!


ARIES PEOPLE ARE BAD LUCK FOR ME! AND ARIES DOGS ARE, ALSO! YOU'LL HAVE TO WAIT OUTSIDE, LITTLE DOGGIE! OUT! OUT!
HE WOULDN'T THINK I WAS SO LITTLE IF I WAS SITTING ON HIS LAP!
GOSH... IT'S NOT MY FAULT THAT I WAS BORN IN APRIL! OH, WELL...
SCOOBY-DOOBY-DOO! HERE COMES A BEAUTIFUL, LIKABLE LADY POOCH! WATCH THE OLD SCOOBY CHARM WORK ON HER!
SHORTLY...
HERE SHE COMES! SHE'LL BE SMITTEN WITH MY EXPERT HIGH-DIVING ABILITY! THIS IS BOUND TO IMPRESS HER!
YIPE!
HEY, WHO PUT THE POOL SO FAR DOWN THERE?
SHE'S LAUGHING AT ME! I'LL HAVE TO SUMMON UP EVERY SMIDGEN OF COURAGE AND MAKE THAT DIVE!

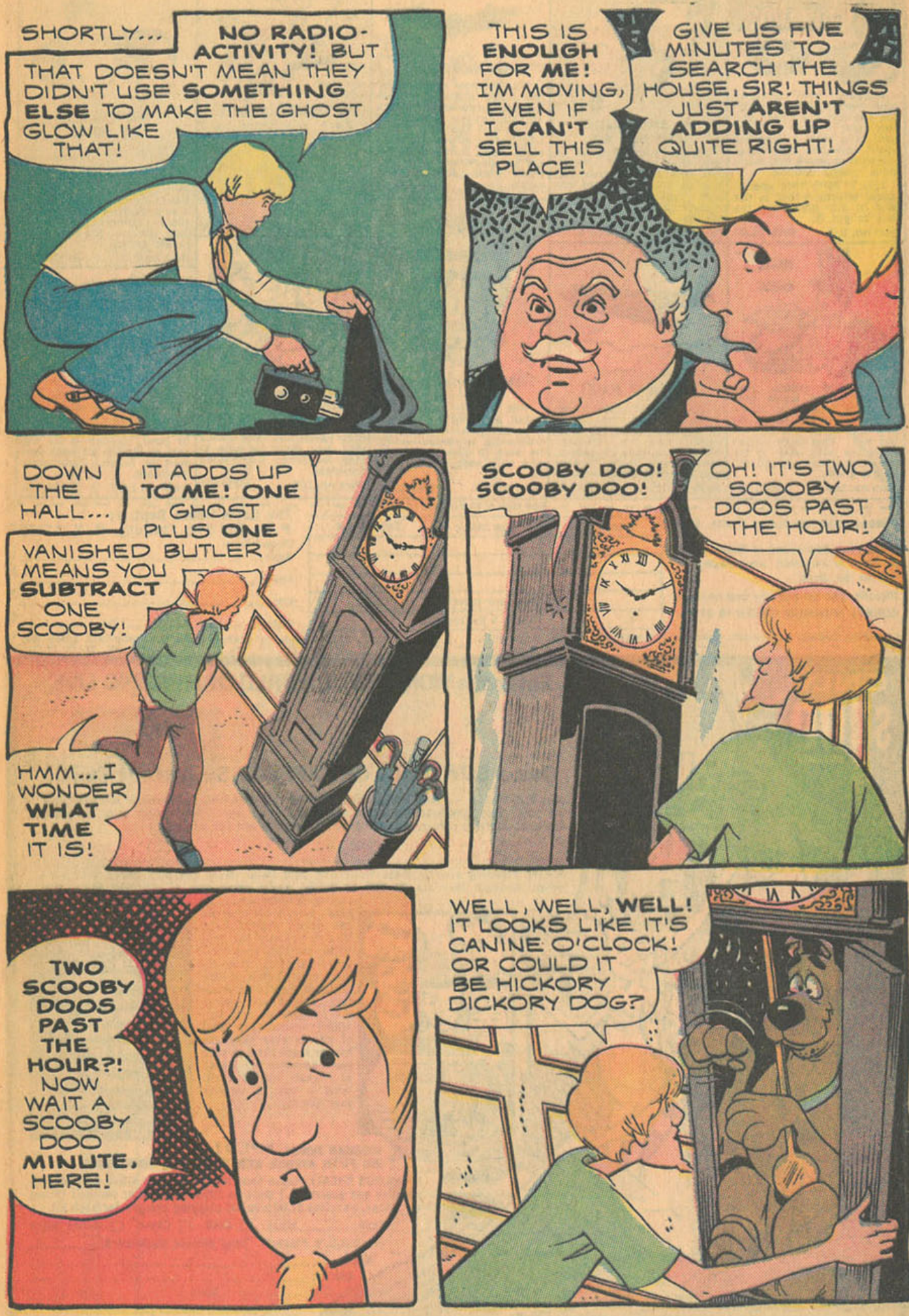

IF I CAN'T IMPRESS THAT PRETTY POOCHIE I MIGHT AS WELL GIVE UP THE HERO BIZ AND BECOME A SHEEP DOG!
SMASH!
YIKES! THIS SHEEP DOG BETTER START LOOKING FOR MY SHEEP!
LATER...
IF AT FIRST I DON'T SUCCEED... HMM... I'LL TRY IMPRESSING HER WITH MY SUPERB JUMPING ABILITY!
I HOPE SHE'S WATCHING ME AS I SCALE THIS WALL WITH THE GREATEST OF EASE!
WHERE DID THAT FUNNY DOG GO?

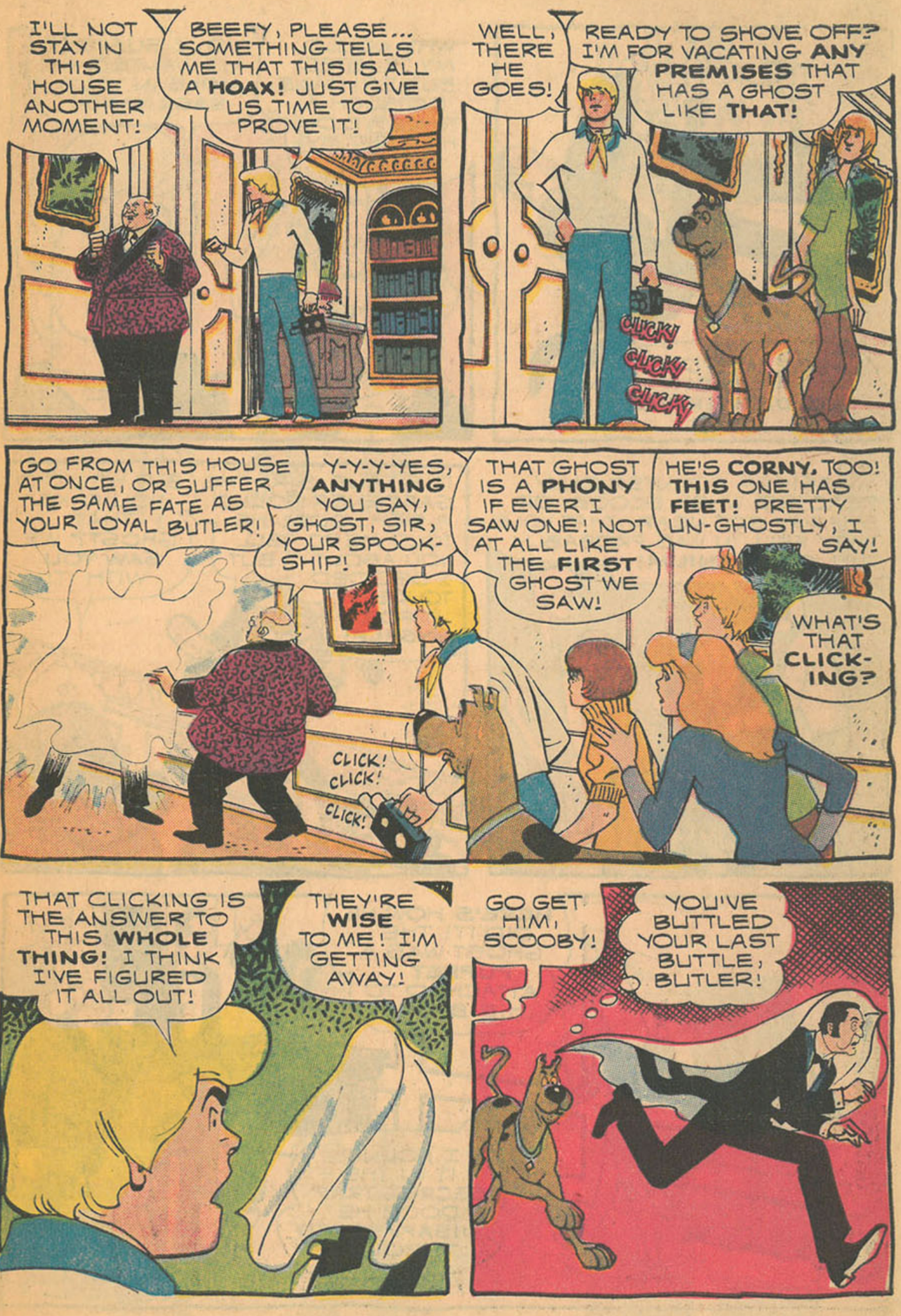

LANDING IN THIS HOLE WASN'T SO BAD! THE WORST PART IS THAT I CAN HEAR HER **LAUGHING** AT ME AGAIN!
NO... THE **WORST PART** IS THAT I CAN'T GET OUT OF THIS HOLE! **THAT'S** THE WORST PART!
MEANWHILE, INSIDE...
...SO YOU SEE, BEEFY,
RABBITS' FEET AND HORSESHOES WON'T PROTECT YOU FROM A **FLEA,** MUCH LESS A **GHOST!**
WELL, I HAD TO DO **SOME-THING!**
TELL US ABOUT THIS **GHOST!**
OH, HE'S JUST **TERRIBLE!** I CAN'T EVEN **SELL** THIS HOUSE, BECAUSE OF HIM! WORD GOT OUT THAT IT WAS **HAUNTED,** YOU KNOW!
HE COMES AROUND AT NIGHT, **GLOWING** AND **MOANING!** MY BUTLER'S SEEN HIM, TOO, SO DON'T TELL ME I'M **IMAGINING** THINGS!
ULP... UH, I THINK I'LL GO **OUTSIDE** AND FIND **SCOOBY!** SEE YA!

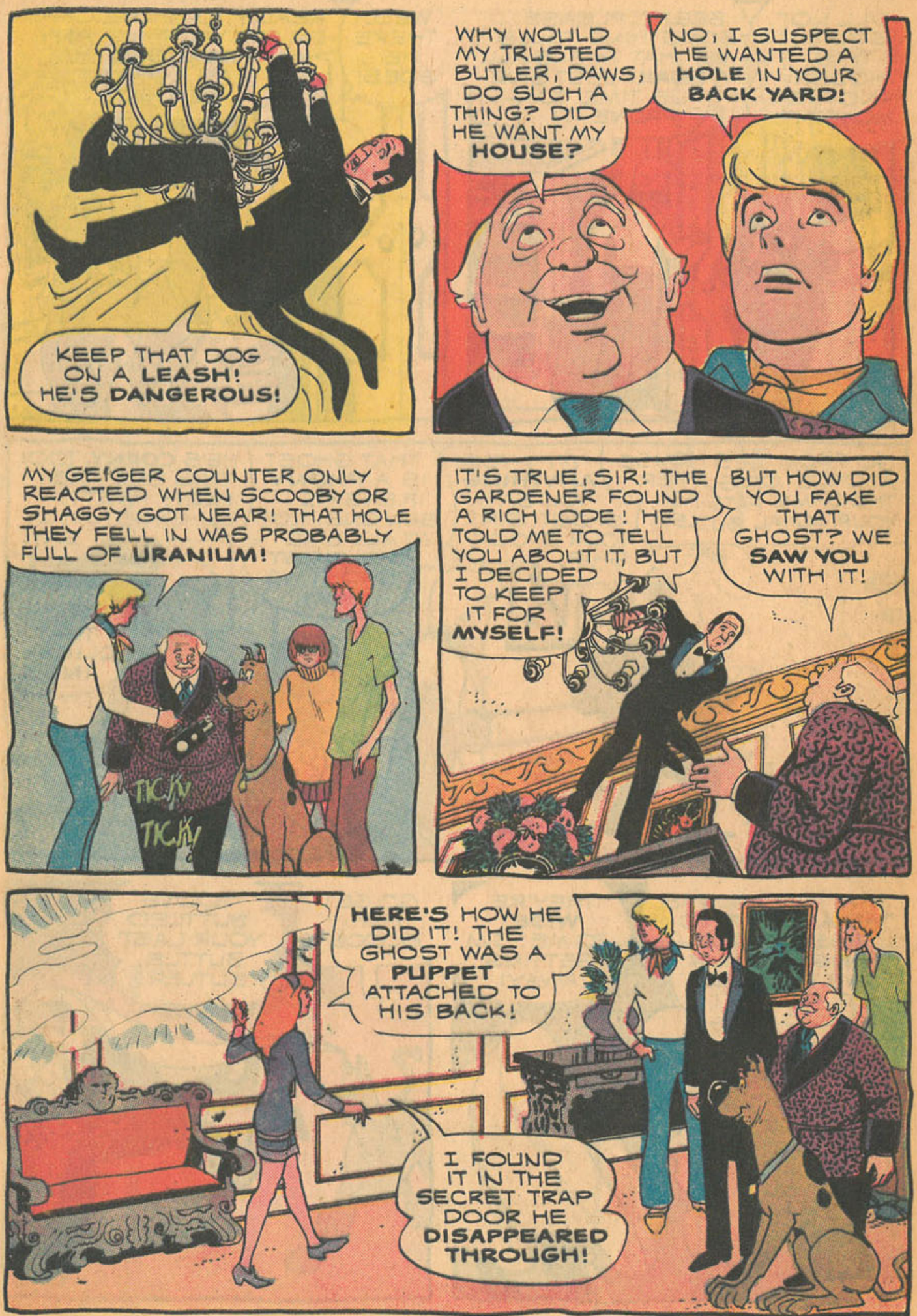

WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF THIS, FRED?
IT SOUNDS LIKE SOMEONE'S USING A FAKE GHOST, COVERED WITH LUMINOUS PAINT, TO SCARE BEEFY OUT OF HIS HOUSE!
WE'LL COME BACK TONIGHT, SIR, WITH A GEIGER COUNTER! IF THAT GLOWING IS LUMINOUS PAINT, THE GEIGER COUNTER WILL TELL US!
SPLENDID! I'LL SEE YOU THEN!
MEANWHILE, OUTSIDE...
SO THERE YOU ARE, SCOOB! WELL, YOU REALLY DID IT, THIS TIME!
I DON'T SEE HOW ONE POOCH CAN BE SO CONSTANTLY CLUTZY! GRAB ONTO THIS ROPE!
SOME HERO YOU ARE, FALLING INTO A HOLE! NOW HOLD ON TIGHT, AND I'LL HAUL YOU UP OUTTA THERE!
WHOA, SCOOBY! YEOWW!

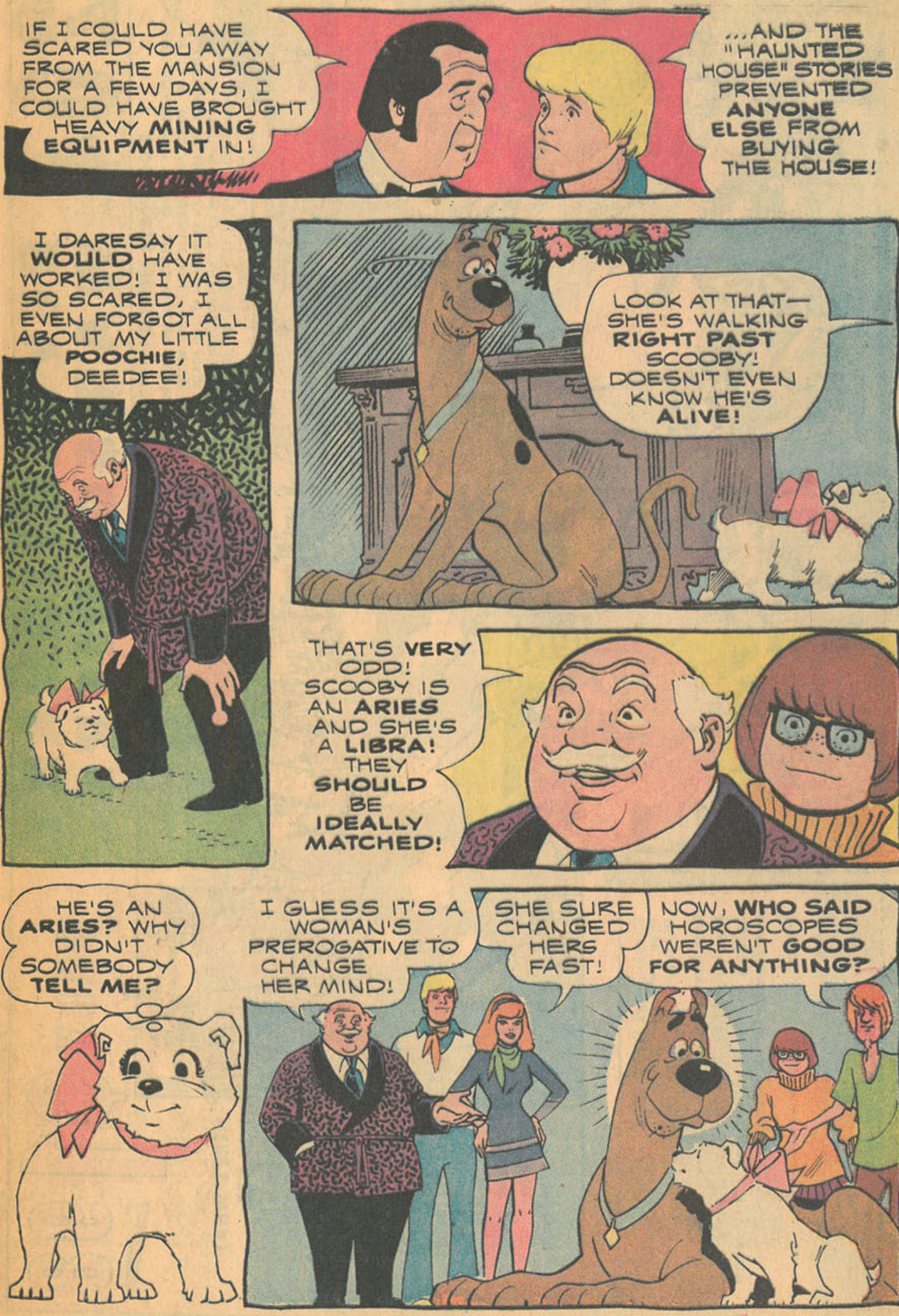
WHAT A BRING-DOWN! SO MUCH FOR SHAGGY'S DOG-ELEVATOR SERVICE!
SO THERE YOU ARE, SHAGGY! WELL, YOU REALLY DID IT, THIS TIME!
I DON'T SEE HOW ONE GUY CAN BE SO CONSTANTLY CLUTZY!
THAT NIGHT...
I'M GLAD YOU LET SCOOBY IN YOUR HOUSE THIS EVENING, BEEFY! WE MAY NEED HIM!
AN ARIES CAN'T BE OF MUCH HELP TO ME, YOUNG MAN, BUT YOU'RE IN CHARGE! THE GHOST USUALLY APPEARS DOWN THIS HALLWAY!
IF THAT GHOST'S WEARING LUMINOUS POWDER, THIS GEIGER COUNTER WILL DETECT IT!
WELL, YOU'D BETTER GET IT READY, 'CAUSE HERE COMES TROUBLE!
NO! NO! GET AWAY FROM ME!
IT'S MR. CHARLES' BUTLER!
AND THE GHOST!
COME ON! WE'D BETTER HELP HIM!

STAY BACK! I KEEP A GUN IN THIS DRAWER! STAY BACK, I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS GHOST!
THE BULLETS AREN'T HAVING ANY EFFECT ON IT! IT'S STILL COMING FOR ME!
BLAM! BLAM!
EEEK! THE GHOST IS ATTACKING HIM!
NOT IF WE CAN HELP IT!
NO! GET AWAY FROM ME! AAAA-GGHH!
THAT GLOW IS SO INTENSE, I CAN'T SEE...WHAT'S GOING ON!
THE BUTLER IS... GONE! ALL THAT'S LEFT OF HIM ARE HIS BUTLER CLOTHES!
GEE... I GUESS THIS IS ONE TIME THE BUTLER DIDN'T DO IT!
CAN THE JOKES, SHAGGY! WHEN MY EYES GET BACK TO NORMAL, WE'VE GOT WORK TO DO!


SHORTLY...
NO RADIO-ACTIVITY! BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THEY DIDN'T USE SOMETHING ELSE TO MAKE THE GHOST GLOW LIKE THAT!
THIS IS ENOUGH FOR ME! I'M MOVING, EVEN IF I CAN'T SELL THIS PLACE!
GIVE US FIVE MINUTES TO SEARCH THE HOUSE, SIR! THINGS JUST AREN'T ADDING UP QUITE RIGHT!
DOWN THE HALL...
IT ADDS UP TO ME! ONE GHOST PLUS ONE VANISHED BUTLER MEANS YOU SUBTRACT ONE SCOOBY!
HMM... I WONDER WHAT TIME IT IS!
SCOOBY DOO! SCOOBY DOO!
OH! IT'S TWO SCOOBY DOOS PAST THE HOUR!
TWO SCOOBY DOOS PAST THE HOUR?! NOW WAIT A SCOOBY DOO MINUTE, HERE!
WELL, WELL, WELL! IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S CANINE O'CLOCK! OR COULD IT BE HICKORY DICKORY DOG?


I'LL NOT STAY IN THIS HOUSE ANOTHER MOMENT!
BEEFY, PLEASE... SOMETHING TELLS ME THAT THIS IS ALL A HOAX! JUST GIVE US TIME TO PROVE IT!
WELL, THERE HE GOES!
READY TO SHOVE OFF? I'M FOR VACATING ANY PREMISES THAT HAS A GHOST LIKE THAT!
CLICK! CLICK! CLICK!
GO FROM THIS HOUSE AT ONCE, OR SUFFER THE SAME FATE AS YOUR LOYAL BUTLER!
Y-Y-Y-YES, ANYTHING YOU SAY, GHOST, SIR, YOUR SPOOK-SHIP!
THAT GHOST IS A PHONY IF EVER I SAW ONE! NOT AT ALL LIKE THE FIRST GHOST WE SAW!
HE'S CORNY, TOO! THIS ONE HAS FEET! PRETTY UN-GHOSTLY, I SAY!
WHAT'S THAT CLICK-ING?
CLICK! CLICK! CLICK!
THAT CLICKING IS THE ANSWER TO THIS WHOLE THING! I THINK I'VE FIGURED IT ALL OUT!
THEY'RE WISE TO ME! I'M GETTING AWAY!
GO GET HIM, SCOOBY!
YOU'VE BUTTLED YOUR LAST BUTTLE, BUTLER!


KEEP THAT DOG ON A LEASH! HE'S DANGEROUS!
WHY WOULD MY TRUSTED BUTLER, DAWS, DO SUCH A THING? DID HE WANT MY HOUSE?
NO, I SUSPECT HE WANTED A HOLE IN YOUR BACK YARD!
MY GEIGER COUNTER ONLY REACTED WHEN SCOOBY OR SHAGGY GOT NEAR! THAT HOLE THEY FELL IN WAS PROBABLY FULL OF URANIUM!
TICK
TICK
IT'S TRUE, SIR! THE GARDENER FOUND A RICH LODE! HE TOLD ME TO TELL YOU ABOUT IT, BUT I DECIDED TO KEEP IT FOR MYSELF!
BUT HOW DID YOU FAKE THAT GHOST? WE SAW YOU WITH IT!
HERE'S HOW HE DID IT! THE GHOST WAS A PUPPET ATTACHED TO HIS BACK!
I FOUND IT IN THE SECRET TRAP DOOR HE DISAPPEARED THROUGH!


IF I COULD HAVE SCARED YOU AWAY FROM THE MANSION FOR A FEW DAYS, I COULD HAVE BROUGHT HEAVY MINING EQUIPMENT IN!
...AND THE "HAUNTED HOUSE" STORIES PREVENTED ANYONE ELSE FROM BUYING THE HOUSE!
I DARESAY IT WOULD HAVE WORKED! I WAS SO SCARED, I EVEN FORGOT ALL ABOUT MY LITTLE POOCHIE, DEEDEE!
LOOK AT THAT— SHE'S WALKING RIGHT PAST SCOOBY! DOESN'T EVEN KNOW HE'S ALIVE!
THAT'S VERY ODD! SCOOBY IS AN ARIES AND SHE'S A LIBRA! THEY SHOULD BE IDEALLY MATCHED!
HE'S AN ARIES? WHY DIDN'T SOMEBODY TELL ME?
I GUESS IT'S A WOMAN'S PREROGATIVE TO CHANGE HER MIND!
SHE SURE CHANGED HERS FAST!
NOW, WHO SAID HOROSCOPES WEREN'T GOOD FOR ANYTHING?